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WILL HAYES WON'T CONTEST CLOSE VOTE FOR CONGRESS

Candidate Will Hayes announced last week, as counting of absentee ballots was concluded, that he will not contest the results, which showed a 3000 vote edge for Incumbent Congressman E. K. Bramblett in one of the closest congressional races in the United States.

Laborers Sign New Contract For Brick Men

Long negotiations and dispute over a new contract covering brick mason tenders of various Laborers Unions in this area resulted in the signing last week of an agreement satisfactory to the unions, according to George Jenkins, business agent of Monterey Laborers Union 690.

Jenkins said the wage increase of 15c an hour, plus a health and welfare plan, must be approved by the Wage Stabilization Board before becoming effective.

The union had been forced to use picket lines to advertise its dispute with the brick contractors during progress of the contract talks, Jenkins added.

Soldier Dinner Plan Set Again For Xmas Time

Because of the good response by Salinas area homemakers to the suggestion that servicemen be invited into private homes for Thanksgiving Day dinners, the Salinas Optimist Club will sponsor the idea again at Christmas time, it was announced last week.

No count of the servicemen invited into Salinas homes for turkey dinners was announced, but Jimmie Butler Jr., secretary of Barbers Union 827 and boys' work chairman for the Optimist Club, declared the club "well pleased" with the response to their first servicemen's dinner.

Any union member who may wish to invite a serviceman from Fort Ord into his or her home for Christmas dinner may call Butler at Salinas 3504. Home address, time of the dinner and other information must be recorded so that the fort can know where the servicemen may get home-cooked dinners.

Salinas Labor Readies Plans For Yule Party

Final arrangements for the annual Christmas Party for children of the Salinas area, Saturday night, Dec. 20, at Salinas High School auditorium, are being completed this week by unions and union officials.

The party, sponsored by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, is expected to attract nearly 3000 youngsters this year.

There will be a big vaudeville show, a visit by Santa Claus, and distribution of candy, fruit and gifts to the youngsters.

Because of the expected crowd, parents are urged to bring their children to the auditorium, leave them in the charge of city firemen and policemen, and call for the youngsters after the party is over.

Final total shows of the more than 150,000 votes cast that the popular labor-supported Hayes got a total of 76,515 in the four-county area, compared with a total of 79,496 for Bramblett.

Before absentee votes were counted, the margin was only 600 votes favoring Bramblett. There were 9502 absentee ballots. Of these 5161 were for Bramblett and 2839 for Hayes.

Final vote count showed Hayes well ahead of Bramblett in Ventura county and almost equal with him in San Luis Obispo county, slightly behind in Monterey county (Bramblett's home) and most behind in Santa Barbara county.

These totals were: Ventura, Bramblett 18,691, Hayes 24,499; Santa Barbara, 24,426 and 18,673; Monterey, 24,053 and 20,991; San Luis Obispo, 12,326 and 12,352.

The final count also brought out the total vote cast, out of those registered. Ventura, registered, 53,274, voting 43,190; Santa Barbara, 53,253 and 43,099; Monterey, 55,168 and 45,044; San Luis Obispo, 31,102 and 24,678.

Activity of the strong and well organized AFL-LLPE organizations in the tri-county area and in Monterey, as well as strong support from four labor papers in the area, accounted for much of Hayes large vote total, it was generally agreed, and it was also felt that had there been more subscribers to the labor press and a slightly stronger push by the LLPE's, Hayes could easily have won.

His showing, however, is greatly encouraging, it is agreed, and AFL leaders are planning to continue strong activity in political affairs in the future.

Butchers Settle Santa Cruz Pact

Contract covering retail butchers in the Santa Cruz area was settled last week with gains including a promise that the area rate of pay, higher than in Santa Cruz city, would be approved after April 30, according to Butchers Union 506.

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Local 506, said the Santa Cruz butchers won a \$4 a week wage boost plus a welfare plan that will cost employers \$10.18 per month per worker, the plan subject to Wage Stabilization Board approval.

Also gained in the agreement is provision that on April 30, 1953, if the wage controls have been terminated, the higher area wage will be put into effect. If wage controls still are on, the union and employers will petition the Wage Board in a joint move to establish the area rate for Santa Cruz, Moorhead said.

Barber Ill

George Coroniotis, member of Salinas Barbers Union 827, was confined to Salinas Valley Hospital last week following a stroke suffered after completion of a day's work. Union Secretary Jimmie Butler Jr. said Bro. Coroniotis was co-owner of the Rex Barber Shop in Salinas.

New AFL Leaders



GEORGE MEANY



WILLIAM SCHNITZLER

Shown above are George Meany and William Schnitzler, new president and secretary of the AFL. Meany was formerly AFL secretary and Schnitzler was president of the AFL Bakers Union. They pledge a strong fight for labor's rights under the new GOP administration.

LABOR TO HELP FETE INDONESIAN VISITORS HERE

Union officials in the Salinas area have been asked to help entertain a group of Indonesians who have been touring the United States as part of a world trip, according to A. J. Clark, secretary of the Central Labor Council in Salinas.

Clark said he had received a letter from Leon C. Shingledecker, of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, asking that some arrangements be made for hospitality to six men from Indonesia who will visit the area.

The Salinas Chamber of Commerce and other groups will join in greeting the visitors. The Indonesians will be guests at labor union meetings and will be taken on a tour of industrial plants and the lettuce sheds of the area.

Karl Ozols Visits

Karl G. Ozols, former business manager of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, was back in Monterey County last week to visit friends and relatives during the holidays. Ozols left Salinas to accept a post at New Orleans with the Kaiser Metals Corp.

Demand Union Label goods and services.

Durkin Named Secy. of Labor; Meany New AFL Pres.

As recommended editorially in this paper two weeks ago, President-elect Eisenhower has recognized organized labor and has broken precedent to name Martin P. Durkin, president of the AFL Plumbers and Steamfitters, as his Secretary of Labor. Durkin, an Adlai Democrat, said he will gladly join Ike's team to give labor and the nation his fullest service in the spirit of the times. West coast leaders praised Durkin. Said Secy. Al Wynn of Bay Cities Metal Trades Council: "Marty Durkin is not stuck up, and he works for the rank and file."

(AFL Release)

George Meany was unanimously elected president of the American Federation of Labor at a special meeting of the Executive Council in Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.

At the same time, the council unanimously chose William F. Schnitzler, president of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, to succeed Meany as AFL secretary-treasurer beginning Jan. 1.

HARD-HITTING TEAM

Meany and Schnitzler, close personal friends, will make a team of hard-hitting, hardworking executives for the federation. They will serve until the 72d annual convention of the AFL elects officers again at its meeting in St. Louis next September.

Besieged by reporters, camera-men, television operators, and newsreel photographers, President Meany launched his new administration with a news-packed statement to the public.

After announcing the result of the elections, he said:

1. He would do his utmost to fulfill the AFL's responsibilities not only to its own members, but to the nation at large and to the free world in this time of crisis.

2. He pledged to President-elect Eisenhower at a conference in New York last week that the AFL will support the government of the United States in his administration, as it has in the past, that the AFL would work with him to make America a better place to live and to keep the world free and at peace and that the AFL would continue to press for its legislative program in the new Congress and would be prepared to defend itself against those who would destroy labor's standards if they attempt to do so.

SEEK LABOR UNITY

3. He would lead a reactivated drive to secure labor unity with the help of a 9-man AFL committee which is "ready, willing, and anxious" to resume peace negotiations with the CIO whenever the latter group indicates it is ready to act.

At the press conference, Meany revealed that he had urged President-elect Eisenhower to appoint a Secretary of Labor selected from the ranks of the trade union movement.

President Meany emphasized that the first order of business for the federation now is to tackle the critical legislation situation that faces labor in the new Congress. He said the AFL will be prepared to present an affirmative program and equally prepared to resist any antilabor drive that may develop.

Clark Attends Absentee Count As Labor Rep.

Present at the counting of the absentee ballots for the general election last week as official representative of organized labor was Alfred J. Clark, secretary-treasurer of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas.

Clark was asked by the California State LLPE to attend the ballot count. He will report on the procedure at this week's council meeting Friday night at Salinas Labor Temple.

At the Nov. 21 council session, business included the following highlights:

Report by Dial H. Miles, council representative at a special ceremony during the erection of walls for the new Chicago Printed String factory in Salinas, brought to the area by the Monterey County Industrial Development Committee, with which the council is affiliated.

Contribution to the NAACP fund for a Christmas event and membership drive.

Report by delegates from Projectionists Union 611 of the picket line at Moonlight Drive-in Theater in Hollister and of new union by-laws, approved and now ready to print.

Report that R. A. Wood, council president, has been named by Engineers Union 39 as member of a committee to revise the by-laws of Local 39.

The council adjourned its meeting after tribute to William Green, late AFL president, and John Zebert, member of Culinary-Bar-tenders Union 355, both of whom passed away recently.

CARP. COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

Last meeting of 1952 will be held by the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters at King City next Tuesday night, Dec. 9. All delegates were urged to attend.

Host for the gathering will be King City Local 1279. Business will include reports on the coming health and welfare plan for union carpenters, the plan to be effective after March 1.

Play it safe—follow safety regulations. Report all job injuries.

Warning —
ONLY 19 DAYS
—Of Shopping
Till Christmas

At Election Time— MONEY TALKS!

A full scale state election campaign costs a half million dollars now, indicating that statewide battles for votes are in the "big business" class by now. We think the following article, clipped from "The Commonwealth," a California club paper, will be of interest:

"Handling an election campaign involves four principal factors—advertising by mass media, publicity, organization and finance. This draft deals with finance, the most misunderstood phase of such campaigns," Clem Whitaker Jr., member of Whitaker and Baxter, public relations firm well known for its election campaigning, told the Legislation and Elections Section at a recent meeting.

"Five hundred thousand dollars is the average cost of a full scale statewide campaign, whether for a candidate or a state ballot issue. The actual cost may vary \$200,000 or more from the average either way, principally up. Statewide campaigns are big business.

The average costs of various items in the campaign budget may be indicated by the following:

—For newspaper advertising in the 700 California dailies and weeklies the cost is \$1,000 per inch total, and a good schedule would call for 70 to 100 inches.

—For magazines and special publications, there are 60 foreign language papers in which cost is about \$160 per inch total and about 50 special publications in which page ads may cost \$600 to \$1,200 each.

—For statewide billboard showing using about 900 boards the cost including printing posters is about \$35 per board.

—For theater slides the cost for one month is about \$60 each.

—For radio spots the average use is about 4,000 at a cost of about \$7 each.

—For television, the most expensive medium, yet very effective, the cost is from \$100 to \$250 per minute.

—For direct mail one post card to one million voters costs about \$21,000 and there are five million registered voters in the state.

—For publicity, the cost is relatively small, involving only mailing out of releases to the papers. For organization the cost varies widely depending upon whether an already existing organization can be used or whether a special organization has to be set up.

—For really complete coverage, all the above items must be used. The theory is that each voter must be reached at least four or five times to get a good result.

—Planning for a campaign on a ballot proposition should ideally begin not later than May, for a General Election culminating in November, by setting up a minimum and a maximum budget. If money is not available for the minimum the campaign should not be attempted; unless enough is spent the results are not worth the cost. It is wasteful to make expenditures without a well planned, balanced program and budget.

—Allowing for changes in the value of the dollar, the costs of election campaigns have not increased substantially. If anything the cost is somewhat less than it was 10 or 15 years ago."

Whitaker said that wealth does not have an advantage in campaigns for propositions, being offset by the number and enthusiasm of supporters, as witness the financial effectiveness of campaigns for measures supported by school teachers, business organizations or by the pension organizations. "The political parties do not generally take sides on ballot propositions. It is difficult to estimate the cost of a Presidential campaign because there is no way of knowing how much space or service may be donated. As an indication, however, it is reported that each party's supporters spent about \$2 million on TV alone in the last 10 days of the campaign."

Let's End Apathy, Defeatism, Regain Our Lost Militance, Nelson Urges

Militance built the labor movement. Apathy, docility and defeatism can undo it. This is the opinion of Lowell Nelson, Vallejo vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, who added that "right now, at this juncture in the history of the trade union movement, is the moment for our AFL to reaffirm its role as a militant, fighting labor organization."

Nelson's thesis is as follows:

• The years of World War II, during which the labor movement fitted itself into the war effort, broke the current of militance from the 1930s.

• Big Business, in 1946, declared war on labor. Taft-Hartley, which came in mid-1947, was one result. Taft-Hartley marked the end of a period which had begun in 1933 with Section 7-A of the National Recovery Act, later developed into the Wagner Labor Relations Act, under which the labor movement flourished.

• Labor did not draw the proper inferences from Taft-Hartley, at least not drastically and not soon enough. The labor movement prepared to resist its destruction but it did not sufficiently prepare its own rank and file for the task.

"The result of this," Nelson said, "is that a clear majority of our rank and file members are not active in union affairs. In too many cases, members with defeatist sentiments have an undue influence on the membership.

"It is NOT true," he stressed, "that labor must wait for a depression or some economic catastrophe to regain its old militance.

"We hear people say: 'The rank and file won't take an active part until their stomachs are empty.' This isn't true.

"An empty stomach makes an individualist out of a man. The man with the empty stomach will work for any wage, under any conditions. The most impressive trade union gains made during the 1930s were made by union men who, through collective union action, had won decent wages. When it was proved to them that this

could be done, they went on to build our AFL to its present strength.

"Big business still is fighting its war against organized labor, and against the whole American people. It has partially manacled the labor movement. It hopes, in the next four years, to complete the job. No one but ourselves is going to prevent this.

"We can prevent it by forging our Labor Leagues into a mighty and permanent organization, by starting now to prepare for 1954, when we have our next chance at changing the make-up of Congress.

"The first step is for our officers and active unionists to bring home to their inactive brothers, those who never attend meetings, that now is the time to act, while we still have a labor movement.

"Our counter-attack must begin on the floor of our local unions."

LAUNDRY UNION WINS INCREASE

An over-all gain of 8½ cents per hour has been won by Laundry Workers Union 143 of San Mateo County in recent negotiations, Secretary Ruth M. Bradley reports.

The new contract, effective Nov. 3, provides a wage boost of 6 cents per hour, plus a health and welfare plan, paid for by employers, costing 2½ cents an hour.

In addition, according to Mrs. Bradley, a cost-of-living clause was won, whereby the union gains a 5 per cent increase automatically when the cost of living has increased 5 per cent, as set forth in government figures.

WAYS TO HEALTH

By Dr. Harold Lemesh, D.C.

CARDIAC NEUROTICS

Cardiac neurotics are men and women who are concerned about their heart to an abnormal degree. Aware of the growing numbers killed by heart attacks every year, these people go around almost "listening" to their heartbeats, discovering "symptoms" and generally getting themselves into a state about an ailment which may be largely imaginary.

Of course, this does not mean that the heart is not a most important organ which requires consideration, especially when it does not function normally.

The heart is a hard worker. It is about the size of a man's fist, but it pumps about fifty gallons of blood an hour. The heart never sleeps, never loafs, never takes a vacation, from birth to the grave. The only rest it ever gets is between beats.

Yet with all the work it does the human heart does not give out suddenly. It has a remarkable ability to adapt itself to practically any condition imposed upon it. However, even this remarkable organ cannot be expected to perform miracles!

The severity of any heart disease is directly dependent upon the state of the heart muscle, or myocardium. When the muscle is impaired in some way, it will interfere with the normal circulation of the blood. This is what gives rise to a definite set of true cardiac symptoms. The most important heart symptoms are as follows:

1. **Difficult Breathing After Slight Exertion**... this exertion is by no means anything as strenuous as climbing up a flight of stairs. It may merely be a walk along level ground.

2. **Swelling of Both Ankles**... While there may be other causes for swollen ankles, the kind that results from an impaired circulation is usually fully developed by the end of a working day (whether office work or housework), and invariably disappears after an evening's rest.

3. **Blueness of the Lips and Ears**... The blue color results from the fact that impaired circulation decreases the amount of oxygenated red blood cells passing through the tissues.

In addition to these three cardinal symptoms, there are other bodily indications that something may be wrong with the heart. These include: (1) Palpitations—usually after nervous excitement; (2) Vague pains in the chest, not necessarily associated with physical exertion; (3) Irregular pulse beat.

The strength and tone of the heart muscle is directly dependent upon the state of the nerve supply to the heart. The nerves innervate the heart. These nerves are called the vagus and the vertebral sympathetic. For a variety of reasons these nerves may be subject to irritation and disorder by spinal misalignments. When this happens, it will disturb the normal functioning of the heart, and one or more of the above symptoms may appear.

Automotive Temo Oil Pact Gained

Contract has been negotiated between Automotive Teamster unions of Northern California and the Regal Oil Co., covering 43 gas stations, including those in Santa Clara County, according to Kenneth M. Griffin, secretary of San Jose Automotive Teamsters Union 576.

Griffin said the contract is for five years, with annual reopening for wage adjustments. Wage scales of \$11.40 per day, \$13 for foremen, were established. Vacations of one week for one year, two weeks for two years, were set up, and a welfare plan with death benefits of \$2500 and \$5000, full hospitalization, doctor bill payments, and coverage for the member and all dependents, was gained as well.

To some degree, a union is like a chain, with each link (member) needing the support of the others. Be a strong, dependable "link."



WELL, WE TRIED—Stockton labor folk took a big hand in the voter turnout for Adlai Stevenson, contributing much to the huge popular vote given to the popular Illinois governor. It is now generally agreed that labor's 16 million members were the very largest factor in Stevenson's record-breaking 27 million total. One of Stockton's liveliest Adlai supporters was Bro. M. R. Marcus, secretary of San Joaquin County District Council of Carpenters. He was one of those early birds successful in getting through the vast crowd at S. F. Cow Palace on Oct. 15 to hear Adlai. He is shown above at lower left, just above San Joaquin banner. (S. F. Examiner Photo.)

Labor Must Stand Ready to Beat Off An Attack on Unions, Lathen Warns

Stanley Lathen, secretary of the Napa-Solano Retail Clerks, last Friday night warned the Solano Central Labor Council against "the people who are planning to crush our labor movement, who want to take our labor temples apart, brick by brick and board by board."

President-elect Dwight Eisenhower, he told the delegates, is still a completely unknown quantity. He may or may not become a force in the Republican administration.

But there is no reason for supposing that the Congress, now predominantly Republican, will behave any differently from the Congress that passed the Taft-Hartley law.

"We of the labor movement," he said, "at least ought to know what to expect." Labor was warned before the election, he said, that Senator Taft was preparing new and more stringent labor laws in anticipation of a Republican victory. "The same corporation lawyers who concocted the Taft-Hartley law are no doubt drawing up a blueprint for the destruction of the trade union movement."

Labor, he said, has a choice of courses: remain passive and wait for the enemies of trade unionism to start dismantling the organizations we have fought so long and hard to build; or "we can set about right now preparing to defend our labor movement, our unions, against those who see in the GOP victory a mandate from the people to take our unions apart."

In recent years, he stressed, union officers have had to become administrators. They have, to a great extent, been absorbed in day-to-day drudgery of fitting the union movement into the governmental strictures imposed on it. "Too few of us have time to lead in the old sense. If what we need are more full-time officers, then we must have them.

"If we are to keep intact the organizations we have built," he said, "we have got to relearn to do two things at once: administer union affairs and maintain our unions as militant organizations."

"Whatever we do, we must remember that we are very likely, in a very short time, to be faced with a crisis. There will be a crisis if a new administration decides to enforce the Taft-Hartley law to the hilt. To keep our organizations intact, under the kind of attack we can expect, we are going to have to fight."

Lathen, he pointed out, has several valuable assets: many millions of members who can be mobilized if they become convinced that the unions that have raised their living standards are in danger. "We have a good deal of highly competent legal assistance. And we have a great many incorruptible and intelligent leaders.

"We can survive the next four years, even if the 80th, 'Taft-Hartley' Congress is an indication of what we can expect. But we can't do it sitting down. We have got to look back and re-evaluate. We've got to ask ourselves what happened to the militance we had back in the 1930's. We've got to rediscover

some of the fighting spirit that built the labor movement.

"Above all, we've got to make the younger members of the labor movement realize that our unions didn't just 'grow'. They were made by men who got a belly-full of unemployment, low wages, rotten conditions and long hours back in 1930, '31 and '32.

"It would be a great tragedy if we had to go back to the substandard wages, hours and conditions of the last three years of the Hoover administration to realize the value of what we had lost."

They're Doing a Lot of Thinking About 'Old Bill'

Qualities of the late "Bill" Green, who needs no other designation to a member of the AFL, being remembered this week are, chiefly, his worth as a man, his concern for the individual union member, and his strength of leadership in very difficult times.

Says Bro. Jack Laumann, president of the Santa Rosa Central Labor Council:

"Labor has lost a real friend, a hard worker for the progress of the individual working man. He is going to be missed." Laumann, by the way, had the privilege of meeting Green at the AFL convention in 1951 at San Francisco.

Bro. George L. Deck, secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council, comments:

"He was a definite asset to the labor movement as our president for some 24 years. It was his desire to maintain the greatest possible unity in the labor movement.

"Strangely enough, the situation has arisen now in which, with the passing of both William Green and Philip Murray, that unity might be regained. There would be, of course, many difficulties, but the opportunity is there."

Bro. Charles Young, secretary of the Building & Construction Trades Council of Sonoma County, remarks briefly:

"It's difficult to say right now just what the loss of 'Bill' Green means and what will result from the changes that will follow. We know one thing, for sure. We have lost a great man."

New York (LPA)—Bernard Seaman, LPA editorial cartoonist, is going to night school, studying jewelry design. He's a member of the Labor Press unit, N.Y. News-paper Guild.

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

Labor Support Is Big Factor In N.J. Voting

Newark, N. J.—Labor support was obviously an important factor in the re-election of seven New Jersey Congressmen, the State Federation of Labor reported after a study of election returns.

Louis Marciano, president of both the state AFL and Labor's League for Political Education, pointed out that two Republican incumbents, Clifford Case of the Sixth District and Gordon Canfield of the Eighth, who had strong AFL support, won re-election with record majorities.

The five Democratic Representatives who were supported by organized labor and who were returned to the House were Charles Howell, 4th district; Peter Rodino, Jr., 10th; Hugh Addonizio, 11th; Alfred Sieminski, 13th; and Edward Hart, 14th.

Three other candidates whom LLPE backed lost election, but received a majority of the votes in labor sections of their districts. They were Alfred Pierce in the 1st district; John Zimmerman in the 3d; and Martin Fox in the 12th. All lost to Republican incumbents.

Support your stewards.



Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

274 E. Alisal St., Salinas

WAGE BOOST OKAY—We are happy to report WSB has finally given approval for the 6 cents per hour increase and other conditions in the contract for Spiegel Farm employees. We have contacted the company and they are doing everything possible that you will receive your retroactive pay, which should be a considerable amount, before the Christmas holidays. We are certainly hoping this is possible.

CANNERY COUNCIL MEETS

The Cannery Council held a dinner in San Jose on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at which time arrangements were made for negotiations of the 1953 agreement. Attending were Secretary Bud Kenyon, and Business Agents Ray Burditt, Irvin Duncan and Glen Wilkerson.

We are also happy to report that Bro. Irvin Duncan, who has been business agent on a temporary basis, was put on a permanent schedule as full time business agent by action of the executive board on Nov. 24. Irvin, as you know, has been business agent and president of Local 912 in Castroville for the past two years. Local 912 charter is now established in Santa Cruz County and those members in the Castroville area have all been transferred into Local 890.

It is the thought of this union that some long neglected organization work must be done in the Monterey area and in order to service our jobs in a proper manner, it is necessary that we have this additional personnel. Bro. Wilkerson will be assigned to the Monterey area on a full time basis where organization will be started in tire shops and furniture stores and the construction unit has grown so much in the Fort Ord area, it also will require considerable amount of his time. We ask all our members in that area to give him their full cooperation in ferreting out some of the non-union jobs.

Business Agents Irvin Duncan and Ray Burditt will be in charge of the Salinas and Castroville

areas, the seed houses and construction extending to the southern tip of Monterey County, canneries in Hollister, and Gentry in Gilroy.

If your job has been overlooked and you have not seen a business agent recently, please call your union office and bring it to our attention.

We feel there are going to be some definite changes made in labor law and government controls in the coming months and it is our hope that you will attend all meetings that we may keep you informed as to what is going on.

McMAHAN STORES ARE NON-UNION—No agreement with Teamsters Union 890.

It comes as a shock to hear of the untimely death of Paul Criger, who until recently was employed by Yellow Cab Company. He passed away Monday, Nov. 24. Bro. Criger was always an active member of this union and this office will miss him.

Labor Gains Praise As Detroit Leads Way In Welfare Campaigns

Detroit (LPA)—"This year, the workers of metropolitan Detroit and their leaders outdid themselves." That was the tribute paid to 600,000 CIO and AFL unionists here by the head of the 1952 United Foundation Torch Drive, which exceeded its \$11,900,000 goal by \$553,000 in a 23-day campaign. It was the largest single drive in the U.S.

It was organized labor, tiring of seemingly endless pleas for funds for one or another welfare organization, which spurred the unification of appeals Detroit pioneered in 1949. It was scoffed at elsewhere. The 1952 "Give Once for All" drive to support 150 health and community service agencies raised far more than the total the separate groups had ever been able to gather in individual campaigns.

Legion Plans Xmas Dinner

Cecil M. Anderson post, American Legion, will have a Christmas dinner at Salinas Air Base on the evening of Dec. 19 for members, their wives and children. Jimmie Butler Jr., union official and public relations officer for the post, said union men who are veterans may attend. Each family should provide a gift for each child in the family, for an exchange of gifts at the party. Santa Claus is to attend and bring candy and fruit for the youngsters. Details in regard to reservations for the party can be secured from Butler.

To some degree, a union is like a chain, with each link (member) needing the support of the others. Be a strong, dependable "link."

Radio guidance of aircraft, missiles and seagoing vessels is generally considered a recent development, but a steam launch with no one aboard was successfully maneuvered in English waters by "wireless telegraphy" in 1902.

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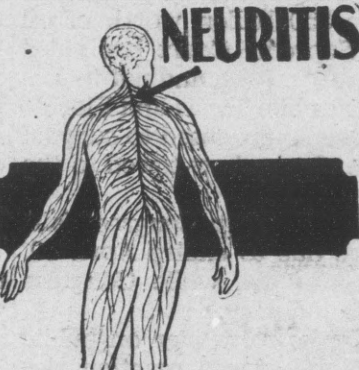
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Hold Your Hat!

The lobbyists are opening their carpet bags, ready to collect the big bundle for placing their friends in power in Washington.

If the pressure groups have their way, they'll make mink coats and deep freezes look like petty larceny.

The most joyous post-election celebrants are not the average Ike voters, but those who place property rights above human rights; those who deny that government has an obligation to protect the people against ruthless exploitation; those who fight anti-monopoly laws which prevent the ownership of basic needs such as coal and steel by only 1 or 2 men; those who profit from high rates on light, heat, power, and water; those who oppose the regulation of insurance companies and railroads; those whose lives are dedicated to greed, abetted by fraud.

They are the individuals who fought the insurance of bank deposits, the regulation of securities markets, the minimum wage and other measures that protect the public interest.

The first pay-off to these boys no doubt will be passage of a bill giving states control of the \$50 billion worth of oil lying off the coastal states. The Supreme Court has ruled that submerged land belongs to all of America and not to just the individual states concerned. States like Texas and Florida voted for Eisenhower chiefly because he promised to support this grab by the states, which have always kow-towed to the oil barons.

Their next victory probably will come when Congress fails to extend price controls, which are due to expire April 30. Rent controls also will be allowed to die, while Congress dances to the tune of the real estate industry.

The lobbyists also will ask Congress to deliver on public power. There is talk from such highly-placed reactionaries as Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Electric, that the government sell its power dams in exchange for government bonds. And you know who holds the most bonds.

They will seek to relax, or end, the regulatory powers, such as those dealing with corporate trusts, interstate commerce, aviation and tariffs.

They will really put on the steam when they pressure their Congressional buddies to kill the excess profits tax, to lower the normal corporation levies and to invoke a sales tax.

What will Ike and the Taft-Byrd-Joe Martin-Price Daniel coalition do about these pressures which would cost the nation untold billions of dollars?

We're not sure, but we think we know. And it doesn't make up very happy.

The Cat Is Out of the Bag

Senator Maybank has let the Dixiecrat cat out of the bag. He wants the Democratic minority in the Senate to dictate the party's policy during the Eisenhower administration. He says Senator Dick Russell of Georgia and Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia should steer the Democratic donkey rather than Adlai E. Stevenson, the titular head of the party.

This would be little short of calamitous, not only for the Democratic Party but for the nation. Our form of government requires a true two-party system, with a healthy and vigorous opposition. The Dixiecrats could not provide such opposition. They are frequently more reactionary than the Old Guard in the GOP.

The Democratic party gained power and kept power as the champion of liberalism. It can regain power only under that same banner.

Wrong Again

Well, the public opinion polls were wrong again. The newspapers were fooled and their readers misled. Not a single professional pollster predicted the Eisenhower sweep, nor even came close to an accurate forecast of the final result.

Once again, it has been proved that there is no science or sense to the "sampling" method of ascertaining in advance how the American people will cast their ballots.

There is a strong movement developing in the country to toss out the political polls. Newspaper publishers would do well to pay heed to this reaction and print more news and less prophecy.

Big Question

Today, there are 62 million persons in the United States who have jobs.

Will that be true four years from now?

1½ Million in Calif. Unions! One-Fifth Women; L.A. Has 40% and Bay Region, 33%

More than 1½ million California workers are members of labor unions, the State Department of Industrial Relations announced last week. They belong to more than 3,300 union locals in the state. One in five is a woman.

The majority of these locals, 2,697, are chartered by AFL international unions; 279 hold charters from the CIO, and 379 are not affiliated with either of the two major federations. The combined membership of all union locals totaled 1,503,400 in July of this year.

Almost 40 per cent of California's union members are in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. Around one-third are in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

A survey just completed by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the Department of Industrial Relations indicates that the number of union members in California increased 4 per cent from July 1951 to July 1952. The rate of increase in the number of union members was slightly greater than the increase in employment. The number of wage and salary workers in the state increased 3 per cent over the same period.

The largest relative gain in membership was made by union locals in the aircraft industry. Locals whose members are employed in manufacturing aircraft, automobiles, and other transportation equipment increased their membership 29 per cent between July 1951 and July 1952. Government employees' locals registered the second largest gain—16 per cent.

BLDG. TRADES, WOMEN

For the seventh successive year, members in building trades locals outnumbered those in any other industry group. Building trades locals represent 18 per cent of the state's entire union membership. Transportation and warehousing locals represent the next largest group—13 per cent. Eleven per cent of the state's union members are in trade.

About 1 of every 5 union members in California is a woman.

Women comprise 19 per cent of the state's total union membership. The number of women union members increased 8 per cent during the past year compared with an increase of 4 per cent for men.

JOKES,

The editor of a Wisconsin newspaper says that his father had eight sons and all but one of them became editors. The exception became a doctor, who treated his brothers for ulcers.

Chicago man held under \$30,000 bond for using horse meat for hamburger: "They must think I ground up Man of War!"

Professor: "How far were you from the right answer?"
Student: "Three seats."

First homemaker: "My husband has a few little habits that I dislike."

Second homemaker: "You are lucky. My husband has a split personality and I dislike both of them."

Blonde: "My boy friend is very obtuse."

Redhead: "Meaning what?"
Blonde: "Well, when I drop a hint, I have to tie a bell on it."

"I made this pudding all by myself."

"Wonderful! But who helped you lift it out of the oven?"

Mrs. Flanagan: "Was your husband in comfortable circumstances when he died?"

Mrs. Murphy: "No, he was half way under a train."



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The serious financial problems which confront families when their income is reduced or eliminated as a result of old age or death of the breadwinner are a concern of all communities. Social security benefits have made it possible in many instances for beneficiaries to remain economically independent. These benefits have enabled many beneficiaries to be self-supporting in their own homes and others to pay their share of expenses in a joint household with relatives or friends. The benefits received from this family insurance program are making it possible to keep families together and, at the same time, are slowing down the rate at which savings and other assets must be used up. The drain on both public and private welfare funds has been curtailed. Benefit payments help to build family security, and a community whose families are free from economic insecurity is a strong community. With approximately 4,725,000 persons now receiving about \$190,500,000 in old-age and survivors insurance benefit payments each month, each community is strengthened by the stabilizing effects of social security dollars coming into local business and industry.

For further information on these or other points involving your Social Security, get in touch with the Social Security Administration Field Office located at the above address.

See Little Chance Of National Sales Tax

Macon, Ga. (LPA).—Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.) sees little chance of enactment of a national sales tax, although the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation is studying such a proposal. George heads the committee.

He opposes such a tax, George declared in an interview Nov. 10, "as long as the government is taking in high taxes from so many other sources."

George will lose the chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee when the new Congress meets. He has been a powerful influence in tax legislation for years.

Merry Christmas!



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What to Do About It

By I. B. Padway

For a long time I have complained bitterly against the manner in which the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Act is administered by the State of California. The original idea of unemployment insurance did not come from the legislative representatives of the State of California. It was originally introduced as national legislation—part of the Social Security program—during the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The state was, by federal act, permitted to enact and adopt its own unemployment compensation laws. However, any state law had to contain certain benefits and prohibitions so as to conform to the standards fixed by the federal act. Repeated amendments of the California Unemployment Compensation Act, adopted by the State Legislature under pressure of a powerful employer lobby, have done a great deal to cut down many of the benefits to which the workers are entitled.

The California Unemployment Compensation Board then proceeded to adopt rules which further cut down the benefits. And then the local offices of the Board proceeded to administer the act in so unrealistic a way as to deprive dozens of applicants of benefits to which they are legally entitled.

An outstanding example of this came to my attention the other day. A woman was denied unemployment compensation by tactics which are so contrary to the intent and meaning of the law that I believe they should be exposed.

Let me illustrate to you just what took place at the Unemployment Insurance Office on The Alameda, here in San Jose. The woman, mother of a child, had worked in four different industries and was able to meet the strict earning requirements of 75%-25% in four quarters. (These requirements, incidentally, by their very terms make it difficult for any seasonal employee to obtain unemployment benefits). Her last job had been night work in a cannery. She preferred night work because she could better take care of her child during the daytime. She made application for her unemployment benefits immediately upon cessation of her work.

She was interrogated by the representative of the Unemployment Dept. The young lady who quizzed her asked her why she preferred night work. The claim-

ant replied that it was more beneficial to her. The Department employee then said, "Oh, so you do not want to work days. You only want to work nights." The claimant denied this and said that she would take any employment, even as a waitress; however, she still preferred night employment, though if this was not available she would gladly take a day job.

The Department employee then said: "We cannot refer you to a job as a waitress because you do not speak English well," to which the claimant replied, "I will take any job." The Department employee then said, "We haven't got any job and I feel that you are not available to the labor market. YOU CANNOT GET UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION."

Not only did the Department representative say this but apparently she discussed it with her chief who put the stamp and okay on the disqualification.

This is what grieves me: Here is a woman whom I am advised did not get her unemployment compensation last year because she could not meet the 75%-25% requirements. She did meet them this year, and we now find Department representatives straining every effort, using every twist imaginable, to frustrate the payment of unemployment compensation which an employee, even under the California Act in its present tortured condition, is entitled to.

We are dealing with social legislation, legislation created and brought into being as part of our social security program. In dealing with this type of legislation there should be a humaneness and understanding of the basic principles of the law by the person or persons who administer it. Instead of straining themselves to deny compensation, every effort should be made to do justice to the poor individual who finds that this small pittance given by the State, to which he is rightfully entitled, is in a great many instances the only means by which a whole family may be supported during periods of unwilling idleness.

If the act is to be administered in this manner, it would be better to abolish the Unemployment Insurance Act because it serves no useful purpose.

Protect your eyes! The compensation award for loss of eyesight is pitifully small.

Faced With Libel, Paper Retracts Tale About Retail Clerks

Sacramento. (LPA)—Faced with a libel suit for \$170,000 by the Retail Clerks local and two of its leaders, this city's morning newspaper, the Sacramento Union, printed a retraction and admitted that an editorial bearing on the local's political endorsements "did not give a true and clear picture of what transpired" at its meeting. However, it waited until Nov. 2, two days before the election, to retract the story it ran Oct. 17.

The original account said that in a straw vote on Congressional candidates the Clerks were required by their leaders to take three ballots, with the first showing a majority of 20 for Republican Leslie E. Wood. This, the paper claimed, so angered the local's "paid leader" that he "shouted, ranted and raved" until by the third ballot John E. Moss, Democrat, had received a majority of one.

What actually happened, the newspaper got around to admitting 18 days later, was that on a motion to endorse the Democratic ticket of Stevenson, Sparkman and Moss, with no discussion by the officers or from the floor, there was a voice vote. A member then called for a standing vote, which was taken again without discussion or comment, and this showed the motion had carried, 145 to 76, or nearly two to one.

Charging the paper's original account was false and malicious, the local sued for \$150,000 damages while its leaders, James F. Alexander and August Columbo, each sought \$10,000.

P.S.—The Sacramento Union's hatchet job failed. With labor endorsement, Moss was elected to the House of Representatives from the newly formed Third California District, which includes this city.

Bakers Get 30-Year Pins

Madison, Wis. — International President William Schnitzler presented 2 charter members of Local 233 of the Bakers with 30-year membership pins when the local celebrated its 34th birthday. They included a past president and the sergeant-at-arms who served for 20 years.

To some degree, a union is like a chain, with each link (member) needing the support of the others. Be a strong, dependable "link."

TRUMAN TELLS IKE: KEEP UP PROGRESS TO BETTER HEALTH

Washington (LPA).—"The people of this country continue to expect their government to be concerned with their well-being," said President Truman Nov. 19 in an indirect message to President-designate Eisenhower.

"In the field of health, as in other important aspects of our economic and social life, the people will look to the government to meet those great responsibilities which government alone can handle."

"Anyone who interprets the election as a mandate to stop the efforts we have been making for social and economic progress is blind to history."

The President was addressing the Association of Military Surgeons. He reviewed the great gains made in medicine since World War II through the joint efforts of the government and medical men in the face of opposition from the American Medical Association.

"We are confronted," he said, "by a violent attack on the whole principle of government support and assistance in meeting our health problems. The attack is led by men who, in my opinion, are sadly mistaken in believing that our whole pattern of progress conceals some hidden danger to the livelihood and the independence of the medical practitioner. Nothing could be sillier, I think."

Progress would have been greater had it not been for these pressure setbacks, he said, noting that they resulted in "our shortages of doctors and nurses and health personnel . . . despite repeated efforts to persuade the Congress to adopt a program of federal aid to medical education."

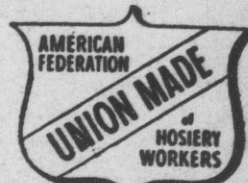
He noted also that the national health-insurance program has been "misrepresented and distorted," with the result that "many people have lost sight of the real issue at stake—making adequate health available to all despite limitations of income."

Federal participation in the efforts to solve health problems is not, for himself, at least, "a matter of partisan politics," he said. "The health of the American people is one of our basic natural resources. It is as important to the welfare of our country as our land, our water, our minerals."

Asking for such continued support in the future, he pointed to the study being made by the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation, which was due to report in December. "Of course," he said, "I cannot tell you what effect this report will have on the new administration. I hope they will consider it on its merits. They would be wise to do so."

Farmington, Mo. (LPA).—Employees of the state hospital here have formed a local of the AFL State, County and Municipal Employees, with William Coffey as president and Lida Overall as secretary.

Hosiery Workers Asking Our Help



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"... Sure, sure, I know. She's got legs like Betty Grable. She's even got a nice disposition. But just the same I'm not taking her out."

"What's the matter, man, you crazy?"

"Not me. I'm a union man. Before I take a girl out I make sure she wears union label stockings."

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Seriously—and, despite our high spirits, this business of union label stockings versus the other sort, is no laughing matter—our AFL Hosiery Workers are in trouble.

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Green Lane Hosiery Mill, Green Lane, Pa. Brand name: Green Lane.

H. Mantell, 212 Fifth Ave., New York City. Brand name: Mannings—"Proportioned to Fit."

Kenosha Full-Fashioned Mills, Inc., 2323 60th St., Kenosha, Wis. Brand names: American Jewel, Radiant, Kencrest, Owl, Edgecrest, Perfect Plus, Sheer Glo, Hiwassee. Phoenix Hosiery Co., 320 East Buffalo St., Milwaukee, Wis. Brand name: Phoenix. (Men's and women's hosiery.)

Propper-McCallum Co., Northampton, Mass. Brand name: McCallum.

Strutwear, Inc., 1015 S. Sixth St., Minneapolis, Minn. Brand name: Strutwear. Also uses union label on lingerie and blouses.

The Portage Hosiery Co., Portage, Wis., places the union label on boot socks for men.

Butcher Workmen Seek Rights at Louisiana Chain

Lake Charles, La. (LPA).—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered an election at the seven branches of the Theriot Super Food Markets here to determine whether the employees wish to be represented by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen.

Eligible to vote are all meat department employees, including the meat market managers, but excluding part-time workers, warehouse employees, truck drivers, all other employees, and supervisors.

Support your stewards.

Warns of Scheme



Irvin R. Kuenzli, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers, alerted all members to the dangers of the NAM scheme to finance public education in America.

Labor Press Has a Vital Role, But It Needs Unity and More Support, Cal. Editors Are Told

Competing with a rich, unethical daily press, the small, crusading labor press, devoted to workers' welfare, has a vital, new role on the American scene, but it needs much greater support and improved financing if it is to come anywhere near to accomplishing the obvious and historic task which lies before it—that of restoring free speech in American journalism.

This belief was expressed by California labor editors, union officers, and visiting speakers at the third annual Labor Press Conference held in Santa Barbara on Nov. 29 and 30.

The labor press is growing steadily, but its size and influence are far from what they should be in proportion to the size of union membership, and this is largely because of insufficient support given the labor press, failure to recognize its importance, lack of unity and organization for a common goal, and the absence of a loyal, fraternal spirit.

This leaves the labor press a small, struggling voice, kept to a minimum of effectiveness by the overpowering voice of reaction in the daily press, magazines, TV and radio, whose bigness feeds itself and makes it ever bigger. On the other hand, the labor press comparatively shrinks from hunger

and the inevitable inferiority complex.

Influence of the labor press, like that of the labor movement, stays small, also, because of small attitudes and inability to work together for a united front, a condition which the employers and our enemies dearly love to perpetuate.

Other conclusions drawn by the California editors were:

1. More people are getting the labor press, reading it. Most avid readers—the employers.

2. Labor press is a strong factor in labor-management relations and stability.

3. News-gathering must be coordinated and strengthened by state and national AFL, as was pleaded for three years ago.

4. Family squabbles have absolutely no place in the labor press.

5. Where there is large circulation of a labor paper, labor-friendly candidates are being elected regularly.

6. The labor press is rich in ethics and poor in dollars. Just to stay alive is a problem with most labor papers. The daily press has no ethics and unlimited income.

7. Labor press is a vital factor in any public relations program.

The third annual conference was jointly sponsored by the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations and the State Federation of Labor.

Featured speaker was Frank Edwards, national AFL radio commentator, who told of the need for coordinating news-gathering for his nightly program. He was promised full cooperation from California labor editors.

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Dear Mr. Green:

I deeply appreciated your and Mr. Meany's telegram to me of November fifth, and appreciate your offer of unity behind the new administration. I intend to do everything in my power to carry out my pledge to do my best for all segments of the American public.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mr. William Green, President,
American Federation of Labor,
901 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

President-Elect Dwight D. Eisenhower sent the letter reproduced above to AFL President William Green in response to a congratulatory telegram sent jointly by Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany after the general's landslide victory in the Nov. 4 elections. The letter speaks for itself.

WEB Instruction Films Are Listed in New Booklet

Films and filmstrips available from the AFL Workers Education Bureau and others are listed in a new booklet published by the bureau. Films are available on organizing, building unionism, labor history, better union meetings, strike action, labor schools and union education, the union label, industrial safety, community relations, and world problems.

Boss Need Not Talk During Slowdown, NLRB Decides

Elizabeth, N. J. (LPA)—The boss does not have to bargain during a slowdown, the National Labor Relations Board ruled unanimously Nov. 20. It was the first time the case had come before the NLRB for decision.

The ruling came in a case brought against the Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corp. plant here by Electrical Workers.

The Board ruled that the slowdown was "an absence of fair dealing" which precluded testing the employer's good faith, and was "a harassing tactic irreconcilable with the Act's (Taft-Hartley) requirement of reasoned discussion in a background of balanced bargaining relations upon which good faith bargaining must rest."

The Board said "The vice of the slowdown derives in part from the attempted dictation by employees, through this conduct, of their own terms of employment. They are accepting compensation from their employer without giving him a regular return of work done."

The Board pointed out that the employer resumed negotiations after the slowdown was called off, and did not fire any workers "as it would have had the right to do under established Board and court precedent."

By staging the slowdown the union "subjected the respondent to a partial strike designed to bring pressure for acceptance of its terms," said the Board.

In the same case the Board also ruled unanimously that the employer failed to bargain in good faith by insisting that the union take any "fringe" benefits in the form of a wage increase, and by refusing to furnish information on a group insurance program for employees.

The booklet contains suggestions on booking films and planning the film program. Some of the films have been cleared for television and may be shown on local TV stations.

Single copies of the booklet may be obtained from the Education Bureau at 724 Ninth St. N.W., Washington 1, D. C., for 25 cents. Copies in bulk are available at lower cost for distribution by unions to schools, public libraries, churches, civic associations, or other groups in the community using films.

The bureau has also just published another booklet giving a list of publications dealing with the organized labor movement. This is a revised and up-to-date edition, which includes some of the older texts, but names books and pamphlets available since the last edition in May 1950.

Trade unionists, educators, writers, students and librarians will be interested in the bibliography, which divides the material under these headings:

Economics; Industrial Background and Labor History; Trade Union Policies, Practices and Programs; Workers' Education, Social Insurance, Labor Relations, Labor Legislation and the Government, Labor and the Community, Labor and International Relations, Additional Sources of Information, Audio and Visual Aids. Labor films and filmstrips are not included in this volume.

"Labor's Library," the name given the booklet, is also available from the Workers' Education Bureau, at 50 cents a copy. Quantity rates are less.

An airborne aspirator, used for evacuating polio cases or those involving mouth or head wounds where blood must be prevented from draining into the throat, has been developed by the Air Force. It may become standard equipment on mercy flights, as it weighs only 25 pounds.

AFL Lifts Curtain On the Chinese Communist Terror

(State Fed. Release)

In a major announcement that received top attention in the commercial press, the AFL Free Trade Union Committee revealed recently that 746 out of 22,785 United Nations prisoners of war were killed by the Chinese Communists as victims of forced labor in Korea and northeastern China.

Most killed were Koreans.

Forced labor is the common plight of all classes in China, from prisoners to peasants, the statement said.

It was based on smuggled information from underground sources in China who have broken with the official Chinese Communist leadership. The underground organization is the Democratic Revolutionary League.

All workers have to go to assigned jobs, have to compete in production and hours worked under speed-up plans, and are subject to swift punishment for failure to fulfill quotas, the report said.

The only difference between prisoners and workers is that the prisoners are shackled, and peasants and workers on so-called reconstruction projects are supposed to be contributing their services voluntarily.

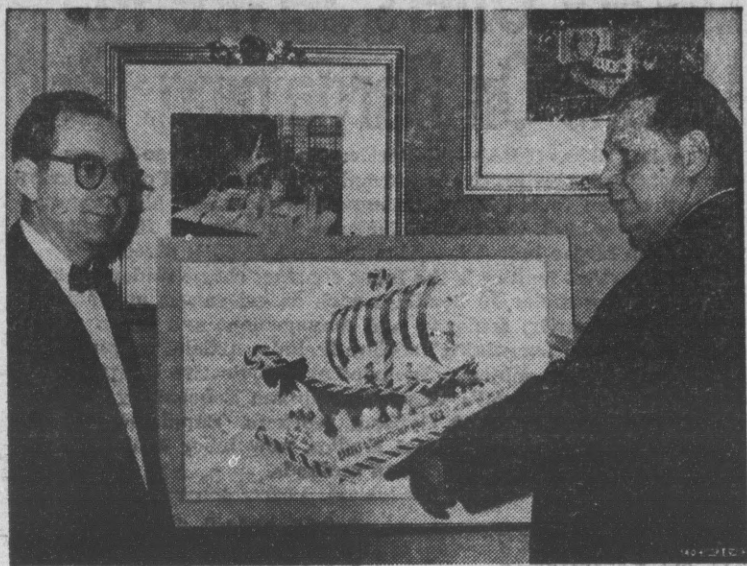
Also, wages are paid in government-owned enterprises, such as factories, mines, and farms, but overtime and large shares of the meager daily pay must be kicked back in the form of so-called voluntary donations, contributions, and fees.

In all cases, the working day is reported to last 12 or more hours. Millions of men and women are impressed into the labor corps of the Red army for what is called defense construction, as stretcher bearers, and for any other tasks that need to be done.

Failure to show the required enthusiasm for forced labor is considered evidence of counter-revolutionary attitudes, which requires thought reform, referred to as "brain washing." Those who don't see the light are liquidated, the AFL sources said.

Prime commercial fish of the United States is the menhaden, used mainly for fertilizer. This fish, the supply of which appears inexhaustible, is also called bug-head, bugfish, oldwife, alewife, greentail, and chebog.

Bakers Plan 'Roses' Float



General Secretary-Treasurer James G. Cross (left) and President William F. Schultzer of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union compare design of the float for the 1953 Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade with past winners sponsored by the Union. Theme for the next entry is "On the Good Ship Lollypop." This marks fourth straight year the International Union has participated in the world-famous pageant. Watch for the Tournament of Roses Parade—and the Bakers and Confectioners float—on television New Year's Day!

"Wait and See," Says Taft About Altering His Law

Washington (LPA)—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) favors no immediate major changes in his controversial labor law, except for amendments that he proposed in 1949. He also opposes any curbs on industry-wide bargaining—at this time.

The only immediate change that he favored specifically Nov. 18 at his first press conference since the election was the addition of two more members to the National Labor Relations Board, but he sought "no other change," suggesting indirect opposition to the proposed attacks on the NLRB which were rumored soon after the election.

The senator hedged on the future, however, taking a "wait and see what develops first" approach. For example, he wanted no change in his 80-day emergency strike provisions, saying, "Let's see what the new administration will do with it—with a more sympathetic approach than the last one used."

He did say that, if a national emergency strike continued after the 80 days, he would favor specific legislation "to fit that one situation and no other." He declared it would be easy to call Congress back into special session, if it were out of session, "because there would be 80 days to plan for it."

His non-committal, wait-and-see attitude applied to every subject that came up, including Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who quit the Republican Party in disgust during the presidential campaign after being one of Eisenhower's earliest supporters in Congress. Asked what would happen to Morse in the Senate now, Taft replied, "That's up to Congress" and that Morse's present party label of "independent" doesn't mean anything as far as barring Morse from committee posts is concerned. He indicated that either the Republicans or Democrats might appoint Morse to committees.

Taft denied having any "specific" recommendations for President-designate Eisenhower.

"I haven't seen him since Morningside Heights," he declared, "but I'm going to see him tomorrow." Taft did opine that the chairman of the GOP caucus and the GOP policy committee, as well as the Republican floor leader, should be in on policy-making decisions at the White House. He said he himself would like to be one of those three but didn't care which, since "all three are of equal importance."

He also repeated his Sept. 12 position favoring a \$70-billion budget for 1954 and \$60 billion for 1955 "if conditions warrant," with a reduction in income and corporation taxes in 1954.

FTC Gets Appeal From Ruling Clearing Trade Union Courier

Newark (LPA)—The fight of the Int'l. Labor Press of America against the Trade Union Courier has brought results.

Lewis M. Harmann, ILPA secretary-treasurer, has been notified by W. T. Kelley, general counsel of the Federal Trade Commission, that the ruling of a hearing examiner dismissing the complaint has been appealed to the full Commission.

The ILPA complained to the FTC about the methods used by the Courier in soliciting advertising, charged that the Courier's claim to AFL support was untrue, and pointed out that the AFL top leadership has declared again and again that the Courier has no connection with the AFL.

The FTC issued a complaint on March 14 of this year. Hearings were held, evidence presented, and the examiner then recommended dismissal of the complaint. This has now been appealed by the chief of the Division of Litigation of the FTC.

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Says Doctors Are Slackers Hoping to 'Get Rich Quick'

Why do the armed services find it difficult to get the doctors they need to treat the wounded? The Navy's surgeon general, Admiral Lamont Pugh, had a blunt one-word answer to that question last week—"Avarice."

"We all know it is simply a matter of easier, quicker and bigger money—avarice," he said. The doctors want to "get rich quick" and that makes it so hard to pry them out of private practice, the admiral told the Association of Military Surgeons.

There are complaints that the services "must be made more attractive to civilian doctors," he noted, adding with heavy irony:

"Since when has the doctor of medicine and dentistry become such a pantywaist as to require that a bald responsibility others accept with good grace must be diked out with certain frills before he 'will buy it'?"

In a stay in Korea, Admiral Pugh went on, "I failed to detect any direct evidence of any special effort being made on the part of anyone to make the service more attractive to the soldiers and Marines who were fighting."—"Labor.")

UNIONS 'RUSH THINGS' DECLARES JUDGE IN SAN DIEGO CASE

San Diego (LPA)—A Superior Court judge here, charging that the unions had tried to "rush things" by picketing a firm during its busy period, issued an injunction against three locals and held them liable for damages of more than \$2,200. He held the court in session for more than 16 hours, after an extraordinary morning session. The intensive hearings were necessary to clear the way for a damage suit for which out-of-town witnesses had been summoned, he declared.

The midnight decision of Judge John A. Hewicker was rendered against Painters Local 333, Dump Truck Drivers Local 36, and Roofers Local 45. Benton, Inc., paint-makers and roofers, had demanded an injunction against picketing by Locals 333 and 36 and also asked damages for loss of business blamed on the picket line. The roofing business is "seasonal," like the hog business back home," asserted Judge Hewicker in contending that picketing had been timed to hurt the firm when it was busiest.

But officers and business agents of the three locals, with heads of the Building Trades Council, testified to a record of negotiations and attempted negotiations with the firm reaching back to July 20. A contract was presented about Aug. 1 but decision was postponed at the request of George Bradley, the firm's manager. Later, after Bradley had asked for more time, the contract was modified to suit his requirements. Not until Sept. 15, with about a dozen paintmakers in the plant still non-union, did Locals 333 and 36 set up their organizational picket line.

Local 45 had a contract with the firm, but roofers employed by the plant refused to cross the AFL picket line and the company then brought suit. Attorneys for the unions announced they would appeal Hewicker's decision.

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NEW PRESSURE FOR SALES TAX IS PREDICTED

"There will be some new pressure for a national sales tax as a last resort to balance the budget," Newsweek magazine reported in an article predicting what the next Congress will do.

"Staff technicians for the Treasury and the Joint Congressional Committee on Taxation already have made studies on how to handle such a tax to produce the most feathers with the least squawk."

Trade unions have resolutely and repeatedly opposed sales taxes.

Newsweek also foresaw higher interest rates. Increased interest rates would mean, among other things, harsher terms for people who want to borrow money for buying homes. On the other hand, they would mean bigger profits for banks and other lending institutions.

The magazine said further that "the union drive" to raise the minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 an hour "won't get far." It added, "The Labor Department will soft pedal its authority to set minimum wages on government contracts as a lever to jack up wage scales."

"You can expect tax revisions favoring business, curbs on excessive wage increases, and an end to policies that alarm management," Newsweek predicted.

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Women Blow Tops, Men Play Around

Berkeley.—Are women more faithful than men in marriage? Are they more intelligent? Which is the more economical of the two sexes?

These are three of 58 questions asked by University of California psychologists in tests given to both men and women representing different age, cultural and social groups.

According to the scientists, Drs. Alex C. Sheriffs and Rheem F. Jarrett, assistant professors on the U.C.'s Berkeley campus, the test was devised to find out what opinions men and women have concerning the behavior and characteristics of their own and the opposite sex.

As might be expected, both males and females had stereotyped notions on the subject. The surprising thing, however, was the fact that men and women agreed so uniformly on these stereotypes, whether applying to themselves or to the opposite sex.

Among the stereotypes agreed upon by both sexes as applying to women were the following: women are most faithful in marriage, they are more imaginative, have more understanding of the real needs of children, make a greater attempt to "keep up with the Joneses," are more predisposed to insanity, are more likely to hold a grudge, and are subject to violent outbursts of temper.

As for the men, both sexes agreed that they: show the greatest emotional balance in crises, have more courage in the face of social disapproval and of physical danger, are highest in general intelligence, are less likely to go dangerously into debt if placed in charge of finances, and are more apt to violate the sexual codes of their own group.

New York (LPA)—Fifty years a Sheet Metal Worker and always in the employ of the same firm is the record of Thomas Vap Piper, whose anniversary was celebrated by Local 28 at a party given in the Pomery Co. plant.

New York (LPA)—The Brewery Workers pension fund of New York, started in 1950, has passed the \$4 million mark, is more than completely sustaining, and now has 150 pensioners on its rolls.

3,500 Home Carpenters In St. Louis Area Gain Pay Increase of 12½c

St. Louis (LPA)—Nearly 3,500 AFL Carpenters engaged in residential construction work received pay increases of 12½c an hour, bringing their scale to \$2.62½, following approval of the negotiated raise by the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission of the Wage Stabilization Board. Area carpenters in commercial, heavy and highway construction recently gained similar increases under the same WSB formula after negotiating them with the Associated General Contractors.

Increases for residential carpenters were retroactive to the first pay period following Sept. 17. Most of the 250 contractors had placed funds in escrow to cover accrued back wages, on advice of union officials. The formula under which the boost was negotiated allows a scale of 10 per cent above June 24, 1950, when the rate for residential carpenters was \$2.25, plus 15c an hour. Total increase allowable thus was 37½c, and the union won 25c in 1951.

The traditional 25c an hour differential for foremen was maintained, making their rate \$2.87½, and percentages for apprentices are the same as before, 50 per cent the first year, 60 the second, 70 the third, and 85 for the fourth year.

Judge Says Bank Starved Worker Into Embezzling

Toledo (LPA)—The First National Bank of North Baltimore, Ohio, kept an assistant cashier "living like a pauper" for years and was more to blame for his embezzlements than he was, Judge Frank L. Kloebe declared Nov. 19.

"If I had the authority," Judge Kloebe told the defense attorney, "I would sentence the bank's officials to read the story of Scrooge at Christmastime."

George W. Sponsler, 53 had pleaded guilty to taking \$7500 from the bank but had repaid it. Judge Kloebe placed him on indefinite probation.

"I am sorry you are here," he said. The judge noted that Sponsler had worked for the bank 32 years at pitiful wages. He began at \$20 a week and in 1927, during the so-called "boom days" was getting only \$27 a week. By 1942 he was getting \$36.50 a week. The thefts occurred between 1920 and 1941, were in small amounts and were spent on Sponsler's family.

"If the bank was decent when this shortage was discovered," said Judge Kloebe, "it would have marked off the loss from its surplus funds, without any publicity or embarrassment to this man."

Sponsler has since repaid the money, now works in Cleveland. His wife is a former school teacher.

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"Security Is a Fraud"

(AFL Release)

Madison, Wis.—President William Grede of the National Association of Manufacturers, calling the Social Security program a "fraud," said that "the real security in America is our insecurity."

The NAM chief told a group of economists "competitive selfishness" is what makes America great.

Grede praised the Taft-Hartley Act and implied that the NAM expects Congress to make it still rougher on labor unions.

Study Aims to Block High Blood Pressure

Los Angeles.—A promising new approach to treatment of high blood pressure, which aims at blocking the source of the disease, has been revealed in research at the UCLA School of Medicine and the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Center.

The new approach is based upon

the theory that an overactive sympathetic nervous system is the cause of high blood pressure, says Dr. William G. Clark, who is directing the program.

Sympathin, a chemical produced by the sympathetic nervous system, causes blood vessels to constrict, creating the resistance to the flow of blood characteristic of hypertension. Normally, excess sympathin is destroyed by a body mechanism. However, in some individuals the body may start producing more than the destruction force can handle, Dr. Clark suspects. This may be the basis of high blood pressure, he adds.

Several reactions are involved in production of sympathin, the investigator points out. Test tube studies have indicated there is one which may be blocked without adversely affecting other activities of the body. Animal studies are under way to verify this.

The investigation is being supported by the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund.

Supreme Court Action Upholds Michigan's Anti-Strike Law

Washington (LPA)—The Supreme Court refused Nov. 10 to reconsider an earlier action rejecting a union challenge to the constitutionality of Michigan's Hutchinson Act, which bans strikes by public employees.

The challenge to the law grew out of a 59-day strike of Division 26, AFL Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, against Detroit's city-owned transit system.

The Michigan State Supreme Court upheld constitutionality of the law and the union appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. When the appeal was rejected, the AFL and CIO joined Division 26 in petitioning for reconsideration.

Labor lawyers declared the law places restriction on drivers of the city-owned buses, but not on privately employed drivers, and that it improperly penalizes a striker by denying him a pay boost for a year and placing him on probation for two years.

To some degree, a union is like a chain, with each link (member) needing the support of the others. Be a strong, dependable "link."

Adlai Heads The Demos

Washington (LPA).—President Truman considers Gov. Adlai Stevenson head of the Democratic party, he declared at his press conference Nov. 20. He said he expects a visit from Stevenson about Dec. 1, and they will discuss reorganization of the party.

Truman said he expects to continue to have some influence in the party. He will not announce future plans until after Jan. 21, but does not intend to have either an apartment or an office in Washington.

Truman's statement was in sharp contrast to that of Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (D., S. C.), who refused to say whether he considers Stevenson the head of the party. He said he expects Democratic policy for the next four years to be set by the party leaders in the Senate. He named Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia as head of this group, and said he regards Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia as a member.

(In Springfield, Ill., Stevenson said he wants no government post, intends to return to his law practice in Chicago, but would "like the privilege of expressing myself from time to time on important issues.")

(His first public appearance since the election will be at the CIO convention at Atlantic City, when he will be the chief speaker at a memorial session Dec. 3 to the late Philip Murray, CIO president, who died suddenly Nov. 9 in San Francisco.)

Psychologist Studies That 'Tense Feeling'

Los Angeles.—That tense or "all tied up" feeling that may make you frown, grit your teeth, or clench your fists is the subject of a study by Dr. Robert Voas, psychologist on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

The study concerns how tension is reflected in electrical activity in seven muscles. They are the frontalis (brow muscle), masseter (a jaw muscle), trapezius (back of the neck muscle), two forearm and two leg muscles.

Muscle electrical activity is measured by delicate instruments while subjects are exposed to varying situations in a prone position. One situation involved doing mental arithmetic. This was reflected in activity by the two forearm muscles, indicating a response conditioned by years of "figuring arithmetic" with pen or pencil.

Stress-frustration situations were induced by continuous, loud noises while the subjects were doing mental arithmetic. These were reflected in some activity in all muscles but particularly in face (frontalis and masseter) muscles and to a lesser extent in the legs. This seemed indicative of how stress may involve frowning, gritting the teeth, and clenching fists.

The frontalis was found to be most consistently under tension. For example, when subjects were told to relax they succeeded in relaxing all but the frontalis muscle. It is apparently the "stay awake" muscle, as it is the last muscle to cease activity in the process of going to sleep.

AFL Meatcutters, Armour & Co. Agree On New Pact Terms

Chicago (LPA).—The AFL Meatcutters announced Nov. 20 an agreement with Armour & Co. covering 10,000 members in 12 plants across the nation.

Terms, retroactive to Oct. 27, are similar to those worked out two weeks ago with Swift & Co. They provide for a general wage increase of 4 cents an hour, an extra 4 cents an hour for all female employees, 3½ cents more to workers in southern plants to narrow the geographical differential, 2 cents an hour on night premiums, a company-paid insurance program, a pension plan, and time and a half for Saturday work as such.

Library Offers Service to Unions On Bargaining, Etc.

Omaha, Nebr. (LPA).—"Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Contracts" is a new service instituted by the Omaha Public Library in its program to aid labor, business, and industry. Most comprehensive of its kind, the service includes provisions of 131 contracts in effect in major industries. The full text of 53 is given.

An important feature is the labor contract clause finder, a cross-indexed listing under 19 headings such as grievances and arbitration, union security, seniority and management and union rights. A "techniques of bargaining" section includes articles on numerous labor-management subjects. Included are "Collective Bargaining in Action: a Union Official's View" by William Schoenberg, head of the AFL Cement, Lime & Gypsum Workers. Supplementing the service regularly are statistical studies, new labor contracts, and material on bargaining trends and methods.

Like Is Against Millionaires' Tax Amendment

Lafayette, La. (LPA).—President-elect Eisenhower is against the proposed limitation of federal taxes to 25 per cent—but not for the reasons given by organized labor, which has unmasked the proposal as "the millionaires' amendment."

The Daily Advertiser revealed Nov. 19 that it wired to Eisenhower and Gov. Adlai Stevenson Oct. 2 asking for their views on the proposal to limit income, estate and gift taxes to 25 per cent "in peace time." The paper said that it withheld Eisenhower's answer until after the election because Stevenson did not reply.

Eisenhower told the Advertiser that this was not a "wise approach to the problem of reducing taxation." He said "an arbitrary ceiling on the power to tax, without a like ceiling on the power to spend, could likely result in larger and larger deficits and a grave financial unsettlement. And the rigidity of a constitutional amendment would be a source of danger in possible future national emergencies."

Eisenhower said "under a sound and informed administration . . . there can be a reduction in federal spending and taxation. Thus it should be possible to bring about a fairer sharing of available income tax money between the federal and state governments."

Labor has pointed out that under the proposal no individual could hope for a tax reduction unless his net income was \$20,000 a year or more, and that any benefits would go entirely to the wealthy.

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GOP Will Lose Congress in 1954, Williams Predicts

Miami Beach, Fla. (LPA).—The Republican Party is so split that Eisenhower cannot carry out his campaign promises, Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan declared here Nov. 17. He predicted the GOP will lose control of Congress in 1954, and that in 1956 the Democrats will continue their comeback, "only more so."

(As if to give point to his prediction, on the same day in Detroit the Economic Club was warned not to expect "sudden results or drastic changes" because of the GOP victory. The speaker was John S. Coleman, president of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. and also president of the Detroit Board of Commerce. He warned the GOP administration will fail if it does not find solutions for "the insistent political and economic problems of our day." He pointed out that many New Deal measures have the support of industrialists and businessmen, and added, "We will throw away our chance if we go back to our business affairs, indifferent of public opinion, with no solution to offer to the political and economic problems of our day.")

St. Paul (LPA).—Howard Michaelsan's hobby is astronomy, and he builds telescopes from surplus plane parts bought from the maintenance base here of Northwest Airlines, where he is a mechanic. He's a member of Lodge 1833, International Association of Machinists.

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McDonald Appointed Acting President Of CIO Steelworkers

Pittsburgh (LPA).—The executive board of the CIO Steelworkers named David J. McDonald, 50, secretary-treasurer, as acting president to replace Philip Murray, who died suddenly Nov. 9. McDonald will serve until the regular election of officers by referendum Feb. 10. He is expected to be confirmed for a full 4-year term, and James G. Thimmes, vice-president, as the union's representative on the CIO board.

Settle With Strikers, Minister Tells Stores Advertising for Scabs

Albuquerque, N. M. (LPA).—While its employees, members of the AFL Meat Cutters and Retail Clerks, were on strike, Safeway stores here advertised for workers—and got some blunt advice from a Presbyterian minister.

If Safeway really wants workers "with skill and experience in the particular jobs you are seeking to fill," Rev. Mitchell S. Epperson wrote the company, "you will find them wearily walking back and forth in the picket lines in front of your stores."

"Many of them have families to support, and all of them have obligations to meet. They all need permanent employment. So I hope you will come to an agreement with them soon."